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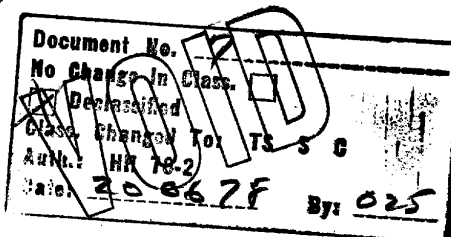
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1. Pridi Banomyong is not at present supporting Ho Chi Minh. He would definitely choose Tse-tung in preference to Ho Chi Minh, were he to cooperate with either one.
2. It is very unlikely that Pridi would attempt to return to power in Thailand with the direct armed support of either the Chinese Communists or the Viet Minh; for such a course of action would be entirely contrary to his character. If he did try to return to power in conjunction with an armed invasion of Thailand by Ho Chi Minh forces, he would receive valuable support from the Laos in northeastern Thailand. Such support would, however, come from only a part of the Laos, since the racial antipathy they feel toward the Vietnamese far exceeds their political sympathy for the aims of Vietnamese independence.
3. Tiang Sirikhan would repudiate Pridi if the latter attempted to return to power with the armed support of either the Viet Minh or the Chinese Communists.

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